

STUDENTS' LETTER.

SCALE HOW,

MARCH 2ND, 1907.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

We are nearly a full house once more, which is pleasant, though with eighteen new juniors, eleven seniors seems indeed a small number. We are glad to have Miss Dyke and Miss Jennings with us until Easter.

Thirty-one students and the staff seemed too many to seat in the diningroom at the same time, and many were the gymnastics with the furniture at the beginning of the term. After each change we felt more like sardines than ever, and were overjoyed when we found the tables and sideboard in their normal positions once more, with the welcome addition of new lights on the walls.

Miss Drury is here in Miss Barnett's place, and we are in the throes of Sloyd. The examination takes place just before we go home for the holidays, and as Easter falls so early this year we have very little time left.

Dr. Allen comes here once a fortnight to lecture to seniors and juniors on Hygiene.

You would, we feel sure, be delighted with Mr. Yates' Portrait of Dr. Johnson. It is nearly finished and is a speaking likeness.

There have been as many as 15 degrees of frost, but we have been well compensated for the cold by tobogganning and nearly a week's skating on Rydal.

The tobogganning down the hill at the end of the terrace was most invigoreting, and quite frequently we arrived at the bottom in company with our toboggans.

The ice on Rydal was excellent, and the lake did not seem in the least crowded, although several hundred others shared the pleasure with us. There are not many consummate skaters among us, but the number of learners was most promising, and their valiant efforts were very amusing to the looker-on.

However, there was a really wonderful improvement by the end of the week.

Only a few white patches on the mountains now remain to remind us of the ice and snow we have had. It seems that at last spring has really begun.

The weather, which has been fine on the whole, did not favour us at half-term.

This year most either walked or drove to Coniston by the Ferry and Hawkshead.

The juniors gave a most amusing entertainment on Shrove Tuesday, which included music of various kinds, tableaux illustrative of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," and the tea party scene from "Cranford."

Many new books have been added to the library, and a new bookshelf has been placed there. Mr. Thornley has given to the college Chambers' "Book of Days," and we have, among other books, Grote's "History of Greece," and Gæthe's "Ornithological Studies in Heligoland," a very interesting bird book, from which Miss Kitching read extracts to us last term.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates have a delightful new house near Nab Scar Terrace, with a view of Lake Windermere.

We are fortunate in having Miss Blandy with us for the second half of the term, to teach us Swedish drill. We have become quite enthusiastic, and the coach house has been transformed into a gymnasium. Most of the apparatus is still to come. Some of the commands when we try to give drill are most amusing, but Miss Blandy gives us every opportunity to learn from our mistakes. We hope, too, that the hockey will improve under her tuition.

We are looking forward to making the acquaintance of many ex-students at the conference next term.

THE SENIOR STUDENTS.